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NEWSLETTER

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GROWERS REMINDED OF JUNE 20 WHEAT QUOTA VOTE

The Wheat Marketing Quota Referendum will be held on Thursday, June 20. Polling places have been set up at convenient locations throughout the State.

Enclosed with this Newsletter is a green brochure telling of the referendum. Please familiarize yourself with the basic choices a farmer has as explained in it.

NEW STAFF MEMBER

On June 3, William F. Bowdle, a graduate of the June class at the University of Delaware with a Bachelor of Science Degree began full-time duties with the State ASC office. Bill will be the State Performance Supervisor and supervise the performance work with all branches of our organization. He is not new to the work as he has worked part-time along the same lines during the past two summers. In his new capacity he will be able to keep current with the performance work and help check and train our field reporters as they start work.

1957 WHEAT ACREAGE RESERVE

Payments will begin soon to the farmers who have complied with all regulations in their 1957 wheat acreage reserve agreements. An early payment, however, will not relieve farmers of keeping their identified acreage out of production the rest of the year. They must not graze or harvest a crop off the land during the calendar year 1957. They may, however, plant a crop this fall to be harvested next year.



1956 CORN PRICE SUPPORT

Corn loans are now being called and farmers are busy having their corn shelled and trucked to the Ralston Purina Elevators at Delmar. Purina is providing a 200,000 bushel storage space for CCC to store Delaware corn. This should prove a good thing. It will keep Delaware corn on the Peninsula where it will eventually be used and keep it off the market until needed, thus helping to stabilize the present market. A total of 242,754 bushels of the Delaware 1956 corn crop was placed under loan and purchase agreements, some of which has been sold.

PRICE SUPPORT

WHEAT. On a national basis the 1957 wheat price support is \$2.00 per bushel, the same as the 1956 wheat price support. On this basis the net return to the farmer should be about the same as last year for the same grade. Sanitary regulations are stiffer this year, so farmers considering farm-stored loans must be careful to keep their wheat free from rodent and bird infestation. Among other things wheat to be eligible for price support must grade number 3 or better or wheat of any class grading number 4 or number 5 on the factor of "test weight" only, but otherwise grading number 3 or better.

BARLEY. The 1957 price support for farm-stored barley in Delaware (all counties) is \$1.06. This compares to \$1.14 for the 1956 crop last year. This price is for barley grading number 2 or better.

RYE. The 1957 price support for farm-stored rye in Delaware (all counties) is \$1.28. The rye must grade number 2 or better or rye grading number 3 on the factor of "test weight" only, but otherwise grading number 2 or better.

Price support will also be made available through warehouse stored loans and through purchase agreements for both rye and barley.

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